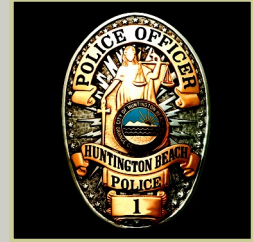


REACHING OUT

EFFECTING CHANGE ONE PERSON AT A TIME



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HB SIGNS MOU WITH ORANGE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

The City recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the **Orange County Housing Authority**, creating a new partnership. The HTF's clients will now have an opportunity to enjoy the benefits of the Homeless Admissions Preference.

The Homeless Admissions Preference allows homeless individuals preferential access to approximately 60 Housing Choice Vouchers per year. The vouchers allow an individual or family to identify a single family residence, condo, townhome or apartment in which to live. The voucher subsidies are paid directly to the landlord. The tenant then pays the balance of the rent due. The voucher follows the individual or family and does not require the recipient to obtain housing in a subsidized project, which gives the client greater freedom to find a safe, clean place to call home.



From left: Case Managers Lisa Robert and Hayley Yantorn with the counterparts from the Orange County Housing Authority

**DONATED BUS PASSES ARE AN
AWESOME GIFT FOR THE TASK
FORCE AND GREATLY NEEDED.
PLEASE THINK OF US FOR
SCHOOL SERVICE PROJECTS.**

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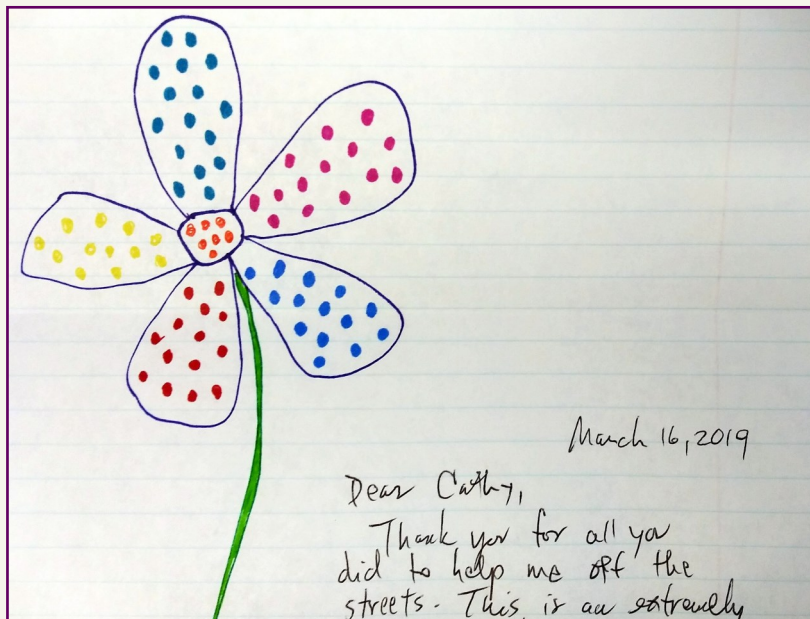
A New Beginning

“Abigail” hit a new low when she went back to drinking. The wake of devastation was profound. Her children had to move out and her relationships were nearly decimated. Knowing that she was at a crisis point, Abigail went into a lengthy residential treatment program and got sober. That was the first hurdle.

Not having any meaningful option for housing, Abigail lived in her vehicle. Although it was cramped and uncomfortable, she tolerated it. She needed to get a job, save money and get an apartment. Getting her children back was her sole focus and she was committed to succeeding. Abigail soon found a job and worked hard to get more hours.

Abigail was referred to the Homeless Task Force. Even though she was dubious, she made the call. The HTF interviewed Abigail, recognized that she had the potential to live self-sufficiently and referred her to the City’s rental assistance program. She was assessed by the nonprofit overseeing the program and it was clear that she was a candidate. Abigail identified an apartment, applied, got accepted and moved into the unit with speed not typically seen.

Crying with gratitude on the phone to the HTF, she said she could not believe her good fortune. Her children moved back in with her and she is happily beginning a new journey.



Left: Our friend from
**Orange County Rescue
Mission** checks in every
couple of months. She has
successfully remained in the
program for over a year and
sends the HTF kind missives
which occasionally contain
artwork